

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT:

Horst Grafe et al.

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FOR:

High-Speed Shears for Transverse Cutting of a Rolled Strip

EXAMINER:

Jason D. Prone

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: